

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment claims 1-7 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 8-30 have been added. The claims now pending are claims 8-30. Support for the amendments may be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. No statutory new matter has been added. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Sequence Listing Submission

The paper copy of the Sequence listing in this application submitted herewith, is identical to the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed on 19 December 2001, in application no. 09/479,877, filed 10 January 2000. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e), please use the only computer readable form filed in that application as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the instant application. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed on 19 December 2001, in application no. 09/479,877, filed 10 January 2000, is enclosed herewith.

In connection with the Sequence Listing submitted herewith, the undersigned hereby states that:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.821, the content of the paper copy of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith and the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing submitted on 19 December 2001, in application no. 09/479,877, filed 10 January 2000 are the same. All statements made herein are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent resulting therefrom.

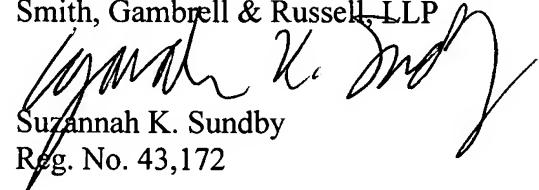
CONCLUSION

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are

hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. **210-380**, referencing Attorney Docket No. **034047.033.1 (95-01B)**.

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